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MEMORANDUM

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents
Public School Academies Administrators

FROM: Sally Vaughn, Ph.D. *Sally*
Deputy Superintendent/Chief Academic Officer

SUBJECT: Notice of Availability of Request for Proposal for a Mandated Activities Project, "Michigan's Integrated Behavior and Learning Support Initiative (MiBLSi)" Under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)

The State Board of Education has approved criteria for a Mandated Activities Project titled, "Michigan's Integrated Behavior and Learning Support Initiative (MiBLSi)."

Purpose: The IDEA requires state education agencies to have in place effective general supervision systems that provide information dissemination, training and technical assistance, personnel development to/for administrators, teachers, related services providers, parents, and others regarding research and evidence-based practices, as well as requirements of law. The IDEA authorizes use of funds for these provisions under Section 1411(e)(2)(B) and (C).

The project will support school districts to develop local implementation capacity for the effective delivery of professional development, resulting in a durable and sustainable change. The project will improve special education student outcomes in social behavior and academic performance by improving special education services and preventing the need for special education through effective instruction. The educational practices will focus on the use of Positive Behavioral Intervention & Supports, scientifically based reading instruction, and evidence-based math instruction using a multi-tiered system of support (MTSS) within a school-wide model. Additionally, the project will address disproportionality in exclusionary discipline practices in regard to race.

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This statewide project supports the State Board of Education's Reform Priorities on Improved Student Achievement Through Innovation by providing educators with access to evidence-based practices in a multi-tiered integrated behavior and academic model; and establishing the conditions necessary for educators to implement these practices with fidelity.

Funding: The project will be awarded up to \$3,350,000 with IDEA, Section 611 mandated activities funds; and up to \$1,386,000 with IDEA State Personnel Development Grant funds; the total amount for these two grants is up to \$4,736,000, the first year.

Proposal Due Date: Thursday, April 25, 2013 by 5:00 p.m.

Project Duration: The funding period is twelve months for this project beginning October 1, 2013 and ending September 30, 2014, contingent upon the State Superintendent's approval. Based on satisfactory performance and availability of funds, the project and yearly funding may continue up to five years.

Eligibility: Intermediate School Districts, Regional Educational Service Agencies, Local Education Agencies, and Public School Academies

Application: To receive a copy of the Request for Proposal (RFP) for this project, please contact Ms. Liz Hengesbach at (517) 241-1235 or access it at our website: http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-6530_6598---,00.html

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE), Office of Special Education (OSE) is seeking a grantee to serve as the fiscal agent and be responsible for facilitating the funding mechanism for the services and activities surrounding this project. The grantee (successful bidder) will provide fiscal management for these services and activities as coordinated through the OSE. It is the MDE's intent to continue the work of the current project utilizing as many of the current project's staff as possible to ensure continuity and adherence to stated OSE goals and objectives. Therefore, due to a conflict of interest, current project staff should not be involved in the preparation and/or submission of a proposal to the OSE.

If you have any questions regarding the competitive bid procedures, process or intent of the project, please contact Mr. John Andrejack at (517) 241-1235.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance